



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Attention: Marlene H. Dortch, secretary
445 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

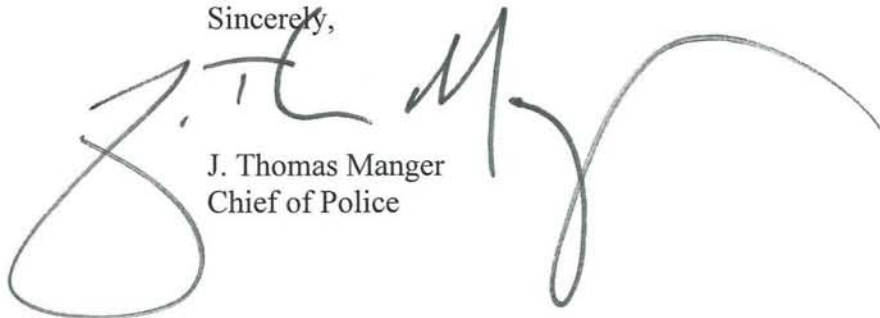
Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Montgomery County [MD] Police Department joins public-safety agencies throughout the nation in urging the FCC and Congress to reallocate the 700-MHz D-Block to public safety, not commercial entities. Police, fire, and emergency-management organizations have all gone on record in support of this as well.

The facts are that flexible use of the 700-MHz public safety narrowband spectrum for broadband services places public safety first responders at risk and jeopardizes their ability to operate during emergent incidents and at large-scale incidents. The spectrum must be available at all times for use, it must be reliable and interoperable in order to protect the public's safety and the safety of the public-safety personnel. The shared use of the broadband would lead to dangerous interference during critical life-saving operations, as there is no plan or guarantee the spectrum would be shared during times of emergency need.

In summary, we oppose the "flexible use" of the 700-MHz narrowband spectrum for broadband.

Sincerely,



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